

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2005\_1029A  
Yuichi FUJIOKA et al. : **Confirmation No. 9262**  
Serial No. 10/540,974 : Group Art Unit 1736  
Filed June 27, 2005 : Examiner Daniel McCracken  
PRODUCING METHOD AND APPARATUS : **Mail Stop: RCE**  
OF CARBON NANOFIBERS

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**RESPONSE FILED CONCURRENTLY WITH RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**\*\*Please note that the present response is filed together with a  
Suspension of Action for three months.\*\***

The following is in response to the final Office Action of May 20, 2010.

A Request for Continued Examination, the fee for a three-month extension of time, and a Suspension of Action for three months are submitted concurrently herewith.

Applicants submit the following remarks in support of the patentability of the presently claimed invention over the disclosures of the references relied upon by the Examiner in rejecting the claims. Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of these remarks.

**Summary of Telephone Interview with Examiner**

Applicants wish to thank Examiner McCracken for participating in the telephonic interview with Applicants' representative on October 14, 2010.

During the interview, Applicants' representative asserted that the Kim et al. reference is directed only to the control of pore size and the surfactant, and that pore size is not related to